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Jessica Covil, valedictorian of the Class of 2012, passes along the wisdom of a certain talking primate while addressing her classmates at Saturday morning's Pampa High School commencement ceremony at Harvester Field.

# Pampa High School Class of 2012 graduates

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Jessica Covil, valedictorian of the Pampa High School Class of 2012, borrowed some sage advice for her speech at Saturday morning's commencement ceremony.

"Asante sana, squash banana, we we nugu, mi mi apana," she said to her classmates, teachers, and the friends and family in the Harvester Field bleachers.

Those wise words (they're in very rough pidgin Swahili, in case you're

mandrill Rafiki - yes, of "The Lion King" - to lion cub Simba during the would-be king's path to adulthood and self-discovery.

Not the usual source for commencement advice, sure, but as Covil explained, it's more than appropriate.

"Like Simba, you might ask, 'What does that even mean?" Covil said. "After all, it does seem a bit nonsensical. But as graduates of 2012, we must stretch our minds, shake our manes, and step out into the light which is

wondering) were uttered by wise old our future. We must filter through the gibberish and the chaos and find the meaning.

> "This meaning can't be told to us," she continued. "We have to figure it out ourselves. This is our burden and our calling: To write our own destinies and forge our own paths. ... We'll have to make our own decisions, take responsibility for our actions, and choose our friends wisely. We'll have to realize that something that sounds good isn't necessarily of sound advice. Indeed, even PAMPA cont. on page 2

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### store.

"We think Steele's will soon be a favorite shopping destination for Pampa customers who are looking for great fashion at sensational prices with the convenience of one-stop shopping," said Lisa Seigies, chief marketing officer of Steele's.

The store is currently hiring seven to eight associates, plus managers. An 8:45 a.m. ribbon cutting is set for the June 14 open date, with the store's doors opening at 9 a.m.

The first 100 shoppers to arrive will receive a free gift, and prize drawings are scheduled hourly from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The retailer will keep its opening celebration rolling through Sunday, June 17, with various other activities including "Music Mania Friday," during which shoppers can register to win a new iPod Nano, and "Sunny Sunday," when the first 25 customers will receive a free pair of sunglasses. Other year-round promotions are also in the works, including a frequent STEELE'S cont. on page 3

# County commission accepts contribution from Cross Texas

### MOLLIE BRYANT mbryant@thepampanews.com

During its meeting on Friday morning, commissioners with Gray County have agreed to accept a contribution from Cross Texas Transmission to compensate the county for damage incurred to a road during construction of the company's wind transmission lines, which will connect wind energy in the Panhandle to the ERCOT grid.

"On County Road 22, due to heavy construction activity, as well as some cranes, there's quite a bit of damage," said Commissioner Jeff Haley. "Cross Texas is offering to contribute to buy material to fix that."

The county will accept \$1,100 to go towards materials used in repairs on County Road 22 between Route 273 and the Texas Transmission right-of-way.

The commission approved a request from District Attorney Lynn Switzer to purchase equipment for law enforcement with asset forfeiture funds. Totaling \$13,857, the funds will go towards training equipment, including guns, for the Wheeler County Sheriff's Department and radar units for the Shamrock Police Department.

Commissioners also heard a presentation from members of the Gray County 4-H's youth leadership advisory board, which has worked recently on programs COUNTY cont. on page 3

# Nine graduate from Lefors

#### ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

Lefors High School valedictorian Kaittlynne Porter and salutatorian Seth Scully both used music to provide inspiration for their classmates.

"My inspiration came from Garth Brooks' song "The River," Porter said. "Even though I heard it many times before, it meant something this time."

"Music plays a vital role in our lives," Scully said. "It speaks about our experiences. ... The song I would like to dedicate to our senior class is 'We are the Champions' by Queen."

At the end of Friday night's ceremony, nine seniors walked away with their diplomas in hand and left the school auditorium as graduates.

Scully urged his classmates to be

champions of their future.

"The last line of the song pretty much describes itself," Scully said. "We are the champions of the world. I believe we are the champions because there is no better feeling then graduation."

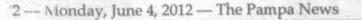
Porter used a similar approach in her speech, dissecting the lyrics of the song she chose and talking about the discipline her fellow graduates have and will need in college.

"Brooks' song says, 'Trying to learn from what's behind you and never knowing what's in store makes each day a constant battle just to stay in between the shores," she said. "We've learned how important it is to show up to class, and it usually helps if you are on time. Some of us have learned no matter how long you put off a paper, it LEFORS cont. on page 2

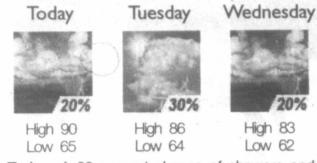


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Rafiki's gibberish may have more credibility. And more importantly, we'll have to take all the lessons we've learned on respect in high school, and carry it with us wherever we go."

Covil leaves Pampa High School as a National Merit Scholar, the first of Barry Haenisch's nineyear tenure as the Pampa Independent School District's superintendent. It's just one of the things that makes this particular class of Harvesters unique, Haenisch said.

"This is a really good group of kids," Haenisch said. "Each class is brings something that is different than any other class. This class just seemed to bring a lot of cooperation in the things they did. They seemed in their competitions and things to be really supportive of each other, and I think that was especially distinctive in this class."

The class also holds a particular distinction for Tanya Larkin, who became principal at PHS four years ago when this group came in as freshmen.

"We kind of bonded a little bit, because they

### Lefors

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were just as scared as l was," Larkin laughed. "We've gone through a lot of changes at the high school together. We started a lot of programs at the high school together. We just kind of had a different journey, a unique journey. I got the opportunity to know them better, because they were with me from Day One.'

Not ones to let Larkin forget that bond, the outgoing seniors left Larkin with mementos to remember them by.

"Every year as a class, they hand me something when they shake my hand," Larkin said, laughing again. "This year, they gave me bouncy balls, and the message was they hoped I could bounce back from losing them."

Haenisch, who is retiring and will be replaced by Midway's David Young in the fall, said it was remarkable to see how the group as a whole had grown since they first crossed paths.

"It was really hard for me not to think of them as fourth graders," Haenisch said. "I think they were fourth graders my first year here. It was real easy to remember them

as fourth graders in the they've grown up and various campuses and just how mature they are. I'm be amazed at how much going to miss them."

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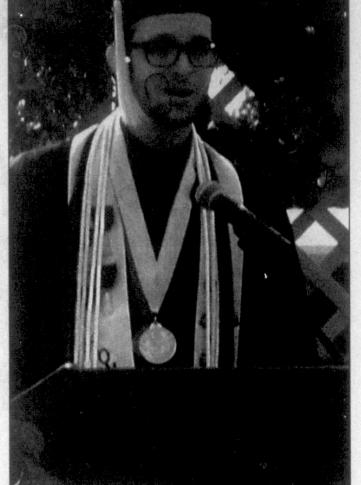
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won't magically write itself. We know that to achieve the goals of our dreams, punctuality is required."

Science teacher Gaylon Fry spoke to the 2012 graduating class about living life to the fullest. In his speech, Fry used examples from Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech and John F. Kennedy's "Ask Not What Your Country Can Do" speech.

"The smallest part of (a person's) tomb turns out to be the most important," Fry said. "(The hyphen in be-



Salutatorian Jacob Frost speaks to his class-

mates during graduation Saturday at Harvester

tween a person's birth and death dates) represents all the accomplishments between the person's birth and their death. These three men developed dreams and set the

accomplished those dreams." Fry talked about each graduate individually and commended them for their work ethic. After diplomas were handed out, the seniors gave roses to important women in their lives.

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# *)*bituaries

### Margie Joyce Moore, 85

Margie Joyce Moore, 85, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 2, 2012 in Pampa.

Services are 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, 2012 Carmichael-Whatley in Colonial Chapel with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemeterv

Margie was born Janu-

ary 4, 1927 in Clovis, New



Moore

Mexico to James W. and Lora Allen Brummett. Her family moved to Pampa in 1934, and she graduated from



Pampa High School in 1944. Margie met Army Air Corps Sgt. V. C. Moore while she was in school and he was stationed at Pampa Army Air Field. They were married on Aug. 3, 1945. Margie was a furniture upholsterer and worked with her sister, Martha Holt, and her parents for over 20 years at Brummett's Furniture Upholstery Shop.

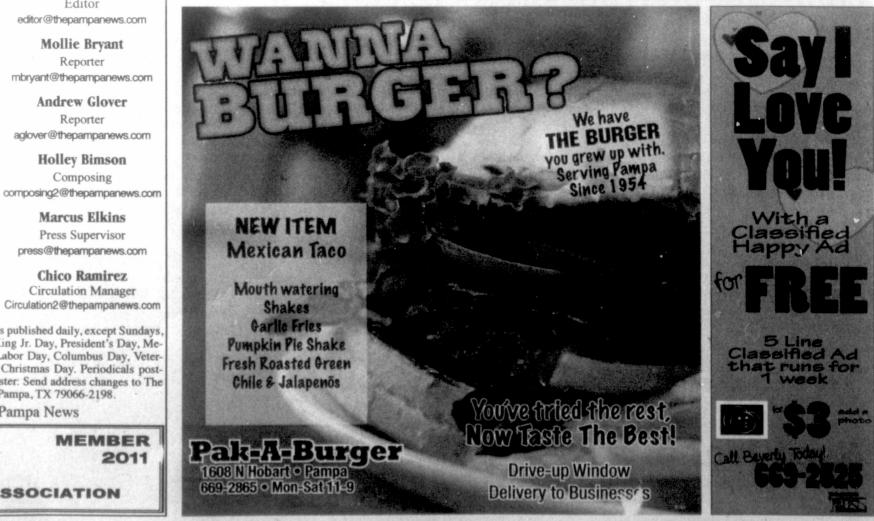
Church was very important to Margie and her family. In 1947, she became an active member of Central Baptist Church and through the years she worked with children's Sunday school, women's missions, senior choir, angel tree, and prison ministry. She said she was most blessed by God while teaching prisoners about Jesus, watching them give their hearts to the Lord, and seeing God turn their lives around to become worthy men. She also volunteered at Tralee Resale for over 11 years and refurbished over 1200 dolls. Margie was a member of Top O' Texas Racing Pigeon Club and was a Girl Scout leader. Her most enjoyable gig was with the Put-Ons, a local singing group who performed 210 times across the Panhandle.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Dodd and husband Newt of Pampa and Vicky Helms and husband Paul of Bella Vista, Ark.; a son, Jerry Moore and wife Evalyn Hubert of Leavenworth, Kan.; a sister, Martha Holt of Pampa; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and wonderful friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her brothers, Bobby J. Brummett and Lloyd Brummett.

Memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065 or Pampa Prison Ministries.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.



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# MORNINGRUSH

### Homeless man a homicide victim

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - A 51-year-old man whose body was found wrapped in bedding by railroad tracks has been determined to be the victim of a homicide.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports that police found the body of Walter Anders on Wednesday afternoon. The Tarrant County medical examiner's office determined that he died from gunshot wounds to the chest. Authorities believe Anders was homeless.

The discovery was made after police officers were dispatched to a field following a report that a railroad crew spotted what they thought might be a body.

### One dead, one injured in blast

HOUSTON (AP) - One person has died and another was injured in an explosion at a Channelview plant.

The Houston Chronicle reports that an employee of an independent contractor was killed in the blast about 8:10 a.m. Saturday. Oiltanking Partners L.P. said in a prepared statement another contract worker was injured and was being treated at an area hospital.

The company said it has confirmed that "there was no fire, environmental or health threat that occurred."

KTRK-TV said the blast reportedly was caused by a welding machine malfunction.

According to its Web site, Oiltanking Partners is publicly traded partnership engaged in independent storage and transportation of crude oil, refined petroleum products and liquefied petroleum gas.

### Teachers declared surplus

FORT WORTH (AP) - School has ended for most Fort Worth public school district classes, and 215 teachers don't know where they will be next year.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports that the district has declared the educators surplus as they tighten staff ratios and to help deal with a nearly \$41 million shortfall next year.

The district has said no teachers will be laid off. The educators considered surplus, who were still being notified Friday, are at schools considered overstaffed and will have to find jobs elsewhere in the school district.

Steven Poole, deputy executive director of the United Educators Association, said some teachers worry that there will not be enough vacancies in the right positions for all. However, Poole said he hopes that everyone can be placed.

### Halal meals in Okla. prisons up

BOLEY, Okla. (AP) - State prison officials say the number of alternative meals served to Oklahoma's Muslim inmate population has increased since a federal court settlement forced the adoption of more formal guidelines.

The Oklahoman reports Sunday that halal meals served at Oklahoma Department of Corrections facili-

# Questions I never thought you'd ask

#### TOM MARGENAU Creator's Syndicate

I've been either working for the Social Security Administration or writing a column about Social Security issues for about 40 years now. And I would have bet money that in all that time, I've been asked every question in the book. In fact, I don't recall getting a question in the past 15 years or so that I haven't been asked a dozen, if not hundreds, of times before. And now this week, I've had two questions emailed to me that I've never been asked in my entire career! Will wonders never cease? The first deals with the relationship between disability and retirement benefits.

Before I answer the question, let me give some background information. If you are getting Social Security disability benefits, and if you are still getting those benefits as you start to push normal retirement age, then at age 66 you are automatically switched to the retirement program. The changeover is generally transparent to you because the benefit amount remains the same. Or, to put that another way, a Social Security disability benefit pays the same rate as your full age 66 retirement benefit. So when you reach age 66, nothing really changes - moneywise. But on Social Security's books, you are switched from the disability ledgers to the retirement ledgers. That means from age 66 on, your benefits are paid from the retirement trust fund and not the disability trust fund.

So now, here is the first question I was asked that I've never been asked before.

Q. I am 65 years old and have been getting Social Security disability benefits for about five years now. I've been told that I will be switched to the Social Security retirement program at age 66. But can I delay that switchover until age 70 and then get the 32 percent "delayed retirement bonus" you have written about in past columns?



A. If you are asking -- "Can I continue receiving disability benefits until age 70 and then switch to retirement benefits with a 32 percent bonus?" — the answer is: no. But if you are asking — "Can I stop my disability benefits at age 66 and delay the switchover to retirement benefits until age 70?" — the answer is: I guess you can. I can't think of any rule that would prevent you from doing this. However, I am going to suggest that you think things through first.

I've written columns lately about folks who are "gaming the system," playing around with their Social Security benefits trying to get the maximum return on their "investment." Most of these retirees are delaying taking benefits as long as possible. They will generally win that Social Security game if they live until their mid to late 80s. Personally, I would never do it. I'd rather spend a little bit smaller Social Security check while I'm still young enough to enjoy it - as opposed to spending a bigger check once I'm in the old folks home!

And you are playing against even bigger odds. After all, you are getting Social Security disability benefits presumably because you have some pretty bad health problems. So do you really think you are going to live long enough beyond age 70 to come out ahead by giving up all those Social Security checks you essentially want to throw away between age 66 and 70?

It's your money, and you can do what you want with it. But I think you are trying to squeeze too much blood out of Social Security's turnip!

The second question deals with the retirement program. It comes from a person who forgot that he signed up for Social Security!

Q. I applied for Social Security when I was 62 years old. But almost immediately afterwards, I decided to return to work. I went back to my Social Security office, ind they suspended my benefits. At the time, we figured it would

be temporary, because I thought I might stop working shortly thereafter. Long story short: I just kept working and frankly forgot that I had signed up for Social Security. Now, I'm about to turn 66. I want to start up my Social Security benefits again. How do I do that? And am I stuck with the early retirement reduction I took at age 62?

A. Forgot you filed for Social Security, huh! That sure is one I've never heard before. But I've got good news for you. And then I have even better news for you.

The good news is that starting up your benefits again will be a piece of cake. You simply need to contact Social Security and some representative there will push a few buttons and your monthly checks will soon be on the way.

The better news is that you will NOT be stuck with the reduction you took by initially filing for Social Security at age 62. Even though your age 62 benefit rate came with a 25 percent early retirement reduction, there is a rule that says when you reach age 66, your benefit is refigured to give you credit for any months between age 62 and 66 where you didn't get a Social Security check.

In your case, all 48 Social Security checks you normally would have received between age 62 and 66 were held back. So you get credit for 48 months' worth of reduction - meaning your benefit will be reset at your age 66 full retirement rate.

I'd suggest you sit down with a representative at your local Social Security office to go over all of this and make sure you get the full readjustment of your monthly benefits.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

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ties increased from more than 7,400 in January to about 11,500 in April.

Corrections department spokesman Jerry Massie says kosher, pork-free and vegetarian menu options have been available to Oklahoma inmates for several years, but the guidelines were updated to include a more defined halal option as part of a settlement agreement in February.

A federal appeals court ruled in favor of a Muslim inmate who said pork-free and meat-free meal alternatives offered to Muslim inmates did not meet dietary guidelines established by Islamic law.

### Dairies close due to feed prices

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - A dramatic increase in the price of hay and corn and low milk prices are putting some New Mexico dairies out of business.

Dairy Producers of New Mexico President Luke Woelber tells the Albuquerque Journal that he knows of five dairies in the eastern and southern part of the state that have closed in the face of feed costs that have doubled in the past few years.

The higher feed costs combined with higher fuel and transportation costs means that, for the dairies, the cost of producing a gallon of milk is greater than the selling price.

And dairies' inability to raise prices in the face of global competition and federal price controls means their higher costs haven't shown up at the grocery store.

A ton of hay sold for about \$160 in late 2010, said Jerry Hawkes, a professor in New Mexico State University's agricultural economics and agricultural business department.

Today, large purchasers of hay, like dairies, pay about \$300 a ton. Hawkes said he has heard of the best quality hays selling for up to \$350 a ton.

"It's a scary time right now," said Beverly Idsinga, executive director of the Dairy Producers of New Mexico.

New Mexico is home to around 150 dairy farms, with shopper reward program, 320,000 dairy cows.

### Chess games award scholarships

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - A national chess tournament organized by grandmaster and coach Susan Polgar is still offering Texas Tech scholarships worth up to \$10,000 a year to its high-school winners — even though Polgar and the entire Texas Tech chess team left Lubbock in April for a private college in Missouri.

The eighth Susan Polgar Foundation Nationwide Open for Boys and Girls is the first national chess championship to be played in New Orleans, where the 19th-century chess great Paul Morphy lived, organizers say.

About 120 students from kindergarten through 12th grade, and states from Pennsylvania to California, participated in the three-day tournament ending Sunday at the Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome, organizers said.

"I would say they're mostly from the mid-South and South, but we do have a few from other parts of the country," said Jean Troendle of Cajun Chess. U.S. Chess Federation national scholastic tournaments attract a couple thousand students, she said.

She and Polgar both said the scholarships remain valuable prizes.

# 'exan barred after denying citizenship

BROWNSVILLE (AP) A 20-year-old native Texan says she's barred from re-entering the country after she denied, under grilling by the U.S. Border Patrol, that she was a U.S. citizen.

Weslaco, Texas, native Brenda Vazquez made the false statement in a signed statement Feb. 19 after seven hours of intimidation by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer, according to a federal court petition filed by her attorney, Jaime Diez, of Brownsville. The officer then confiscated the Texas driver's license and U.S. birth certificate she presented upon her return from a visit to the Mexican border city of Matamoros, according to the petition.

Vazques remains stranded in Matamoros, barred from the United States, Diez told The Brownsville Herald for a story in

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A Customs and Border Protection spokeswoman did not respond to a request by The Associated Press for comment Sunday.

Diez said he has asked Texas Health and Human Services for a copy of Vazquez's birth certificate but was told it could not because Customs and Border Protection had provided a copy of the statement Vazquez signed.

In her court petition, she asks that a federal judge declare her a U.S. citizen, order her documents return, declare that her civil rights have been violated and award attorney's fees and whatever other relief the judge deems appropriate.

"The emotional impact is really something," Diez told the newspaper of his clients who remain separated from their families and jobs, sometimes for

Steele's is a brand

name of Houston-based

national retail chain Stage

Stores, Inc., which also

years. "It doesn't go away once the documents come back."

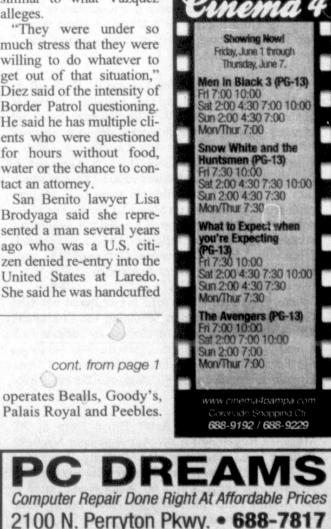
Vazquez peti-The tion comes on the heels of a recent complaint filed by the American Civil Liberties Union that alleges several examples of coerced denial of U.S. citizenship and denied re-entry similar to what Vazquez alleges.

"They were under so much stress that they were willing to do whatever to get out of that situation," Diez said of the intensity of Border Patrol questioning. He said he has multiple clients who were questioned for hours without food, water or the chance to contact an attorney.

San Benito lawyer Lisa Brodyaga said she represented a man several years ago who was a U.S. citizen denied re-entry into the United States at Laredo. She said he was handcuffed

to a chair for hours until he said he had been born in Mexico, even though he was born in a McAllen hospital.

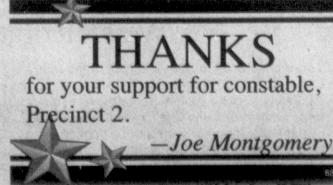
Once someone signs a statement denying U.S. citizenship, years can be needed to knock it down, Brodyaga said.



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to educate junior high youth on the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

- In other business, the commission:
- approved tax bids from May 22; and
- · recognized employees' completion of NIMS training





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### Today in History

Today is Monday, June 4, the 156th day of 2012. There are 210 days left in the year.

#### Today's highlight in history:

On June 4, 1942, the World War II Battle of Midway began, resulting in a decisive American victory against Japan and marking the turning point of the war in the Pacific.

#### On this date:

In 1783, the Montgolfier brothers first publicly demonstrated their hot-air balloon, which did not carry any passengers, over Annonay, France.

In 1812, the Louisiana Territory was renamed the Missouri Territory. The U.S. House of Representatives approved a declaration of war against Britain.

In 1892, the Sierra Club was incorporated in San Francisco.

In 1912, Massachusetts became the first state to adopt a minimum wage law.

In 1919, Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guaranteeing citizens the right to vote regardless of their gender, and sent it to the states for ratification.

In 1937, one of the first, if not the first, shopping carts was introduced by supermarket chain owner Sylvan Goldman in Oklahoma City.

In 1939, the German ocean liner St. Louis, carrying more than 900 Jewish refugees from Germany, was turned away from the Florida coast by U.S. officials.

In 1940, during World War II, the Allied military evacuation of more than 338,000 troops from Dunkirk, France, ended.

In 1954, French Premier Joseph Laniel and Vietnamese Premier Buu Loc signed treaties in Paris according "complete independence" to Vietnam.

In 1972, a jury in San Jose, Calif., acquitted radical activist Angela Davis of murder and kidnapping for her alleged connection to a deadly courthouse shootout in Marin County in 1970.

In 1990, Dr. Jack Kevorkian carried out his first



# Dems' primary reveals weak Texas party

#### CHRIS TOMLINSON Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — The results of the Democratic primary race for the U.S. Senate tell the story of the party's problems in Texas.

Paul Sadler, a storied former state lawmaker, was recruited to put up a good-faith, David-versus-Goliath fight for the Senate seat that Kay Bailey Hutchison is vacating. In return, Democratic donors gave him less than \$100,000, and Democratic voters gave him a runoff against a man whose only claim to politics is a shared last name with a bygone party hero.

In a place where buying a statewide television ad starts at \$1.7 million, this is not the behavior of a healthy political party.

More than 11 percent of registered voters cast ballots in the Republican primary last week, but only 4.5 percent voted for Democrats. That's less than 600,000 people out of a voting-age population of 18.7 million. Statewide, no Democrat has won a statewide election since 1994. Republicans hold a 102-48 supermajority in the Texas House and a 19-12 majority in the Senate. For all intents and purposes, Texas is a single-party state, with opposition forces struggling for relevance. The question at this year's Texas Democratic Party convention in Houston, as with almost every convention since 1999, is what Democrats can do about it. Party Chairman Boyd Ritchie said the key is to convince Democrats that the party can win and that their donations and votes will not go to waste.

educate not only our base, but also our friends and neighbors that there is a choice in this election," Ritchie said, acknowledging that Republicans have a huge financial advantage. "We have some real opportunities because it seems to be that some of the extreme positions the Republicans took to win their primaries will ultimately be responsible for us to win in November."

Ritchie acknowledged that low turnout, few funds and simple confusion probably led many Democrats to vote for Grady Yarbrough, an erstwhile Republican candidate who did not mount a campaign and has not filed any of the required campaign and personal financial disclosures. It is not the first time someone with a name similar to 1960s-era U.S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough won Democratic votes. Don Yarbrough was elected to the Texas Supreme Court in 1976 amid similar confusion and was side the state that would have beer sufficient to do that."

Convincing them to give will not be easy.

"There is a pathology of pessimism that is entrenched right now in the Democratic Party," explained Matt Glazer, the executive director of Progress Texas, a group that promotes progressive ideas, but does not endorse candidates. "You have to give progressives something to be excited about."

Like many progressives, he argues Democrats must change the math and get out the voters who are staying home, mostly minorities and the poor. Two dozen more votes in each of the state's 8,775 precincts would add 210,000 ballots.

In the 2008 primary when Obama and Hillary Clinton spent \$50 million in the state, Texas Democrats saw 2.8 million primary voters Glazer argued that more impor-

publicly assisted suicide, helping Janet Adkins, a 54-year-old Alzheimer's patient from Portland, Ore., end her life in Oakland County, Mich.

In 1992, the U.S. Postal Service announced the results of a nationwide vote on the Elvis Presley stamp, saying more people preferred the "younger Elvis" design.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush said the CIA and FBI had failed to communicate adequately before the Sept. 11 terror attacks; Congress began closed-door hearings into intelligence lapses. A panel of U.S. Roman Catholic bishops called for a zero-tolerance policy against priests who molest children in the future and a two-strikes-he's-out policy for those guilty of past abuse. Japan ratified the Kyoto Protocol, aimed at cutting emissions of heat-trapping gases.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush left on an eight-day European trip that included a Group of Eight summit in Germany. Military judges dismissed charges against a Guantanamo detainee accused of chauffeuring Osama bin Laden and another who allegedly killed a U.S. soldier in Afghanistan. Insurgents linked to al-Qaida issued a video in which they claimed to have killed all three U.S. soldiers captured in an ambush on May 12. (The bodies of the soldiers were later recovered.) A federal indictment accused Rep. William Jefferson, D-La., of receiving more than \$500,000 in bribes (Jefferson was later convicted of bribery and racketeering).

One year ago: China's Li Na captured her first Grand Slam singles title, becoming the first tennis player from China, man or woman, to achieve such a feat; Na beat Francesca Schiavone 6-4, 7-6 (0) in the French Open final. Former Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, 80, died in Charlottesville, Va.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bruce Dern is 76. Musician Roger Ball is 68. Actress-singer Michelle Phillips is 68. Jazz musician Anthony Braxton is 67. Rock musician Danny Brown (The Fixx) is 61. Actor Parker Stevenson is 60. Actor Keith David is 56. Actress Julie Gholson is 54. Actor Eddie Velez is 54. Singer-musician El DeBarge is 51. Actress Julie White is 51. Actress Lindsay Frost is 50. Tennis player Andrea Jaeger is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Al B. Sure! is 44. Actor Scott Wolf is 44. Actorcomedian Rob Huebel is 43. Comedian Horatio Sanz is 43. Actor Noah Wyle is 41. Rock musician Stefan Lessard (The Dave Matthews Band) is 38. Actorcomedian Russell Brand is 37. Actress Angelina Jolie is 37. Actor Theo Rossi is 37. Alt-country singer Kasey Chambers is 36. Rock musician JoJo Garza (Los Lonely Boys) is 32. Model Bar Refaeli is 27. Rock musician Zac Farro is 22.

Thought for Today: "If America forgets where she came from, if the people lose sight of what brought them along, if she listens to the deniers and mockers, then will begin the rot and dissolution."— Carl Sandburg, American writer (1878-1967). "It's up to us to energize and

forced to resign nine months later amid criminal allegations.

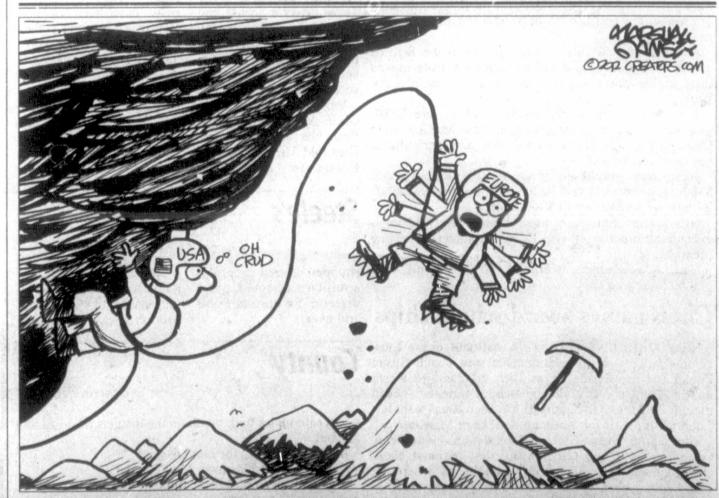
Sadler will be at the convention trying to clear up the confusion and said he hopes to rally support and donations for his campaign. He points out that low-turnout in the primary does not necessarily mean Democrats won't turn out in big numbers to vote for President Barack Obama. Sadler said Democratic excitement for Obama and Republican disappointment with nominee Mitt Romney could give the Democratic Senate nominee a fighting chance, if he can raise enough money to put on a competitive campaign.

"I hope that we'll be able to raise that kind of money," Sadler added. "Democratic donors have given that type of money in the past; they donated this time to candidates outtant than the candidates back ther was the amount of money spen on advertising to get the vote out Simply put, television advertising makes all the difference in Texas elections.

Texas Democrats are therefore caught in two chicken-and-egg dilemmas. They need money to register, educate and motivate people to vote, but the party finds it difficul to raise money when voters appear so uninterested. Candidates don' want to run unless they have the financial backing they need to win while donors won't finance candidates who look like they can't win.

Glazer says the party has a lot of work to do and predicts the soones Democrats will become competitive statewide again is in 2018, but only donors and activists start laying

e groundwork now.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, June you must. Tonight: Put your feet up. 5,2012:

You express a great deal of kindness and understanding this year. As a result, you ly every conversation and situation that surdraw many people toward you. If you are single, your status could change. In fact, you could meet someone quite significant to your life history. If you are attached, you become a lot happier this year, which makes a new beginning possible. This year marks the start of a new 11-year luck cycle domestic or personal situation that means for you. CAPRICORN might be withdrawn, but he or she has a lot of depth.

2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\* People, including you, need to put some order into a certain situation. You have the exact skill set needed. Your efforts will be greeted by others' appreciation and compliments. Do not allow a vague insecurity or sixth sense to distort the facts. Tonight: A force to be reckoned with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* What many lack is the vision you have to clearly see the events of the day. Be willing to take a subtle approach. You might want to ask a key question that could help point you in the appropriate direction. If you simply say what you perceive at this point without asking, resentment could build. Tonight: Relax with a preferred pastime.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

you greater give-and-take. Listen carefully to news that comes in. Understand what is needed to get past a situation, and help all parties facilitate just that. Someone clearly cares a lot about you. Now what? Tonight: wilder. Tonight: Choose something fun. Dinner for two.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

your actions and might keep asking questions. Be patient and willing to work with them. An unexpected surprise comes from a difficult person or boss. Just go with the flow, as you know how unpredictable this person can be. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

agnose what is going on, just clear out what Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* Your imagination feeds near-

rounds you. Try not to add too much drama to any situation that comes along. The unexpected occurs and allows you to see yet another path. Tonight: Rethink your plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ See what is happening around a a lot to you. Consider your options with care, especially if they involve a loved one The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll or dear friend. You really are not walking Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; on eggshells, even if you feel like you are. Tonight: Homeward bound.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* Keep conversations moving, and know full well that you and others could be distorting information. Continue asking questions, and listen to what is not being said. With your excellent ability to see past the obvious, you will discover what is going on. Tonight: Ask and you shall receive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\* You are on guite the roller-coaster ride, as many people in your life change their tune. A creative endeavor, probably involving a child or loved one, suddenly could head in an unforeseen direction. Go with the flow. Stay nonreactive. Tonight: Keep your spending under control.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* You beam and draw in oppor-\*\*\*\* One-on-one relating allows tunities. You seem to have a premonition as to what will happen before it does. How much you reveal is up to you. If you need to handle a personal issue, do so -- and the sooner the better. It can only get wilder and

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Assume a more reticent position, \*\*\*\* Others want to understand and you will be much happier. You cannot make everyone see the glass as half-full. Look within yourself for answers. The less said at the moment, the fewer problems you could be involved with. Tonight: Head home. Get a good night's sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* You have a way that often gets you what you want. You might think that \*\*\* All work and no play might not that is occurring at the moment, but a snafu be fun, but you gotta do what you gotta do. could come up where you least expect it. Your sixth sense tells you there is more go- A friend also could change his or her tune, ing on than meets the eye. Don't try to di- which only adds to the other issue. Tonight:

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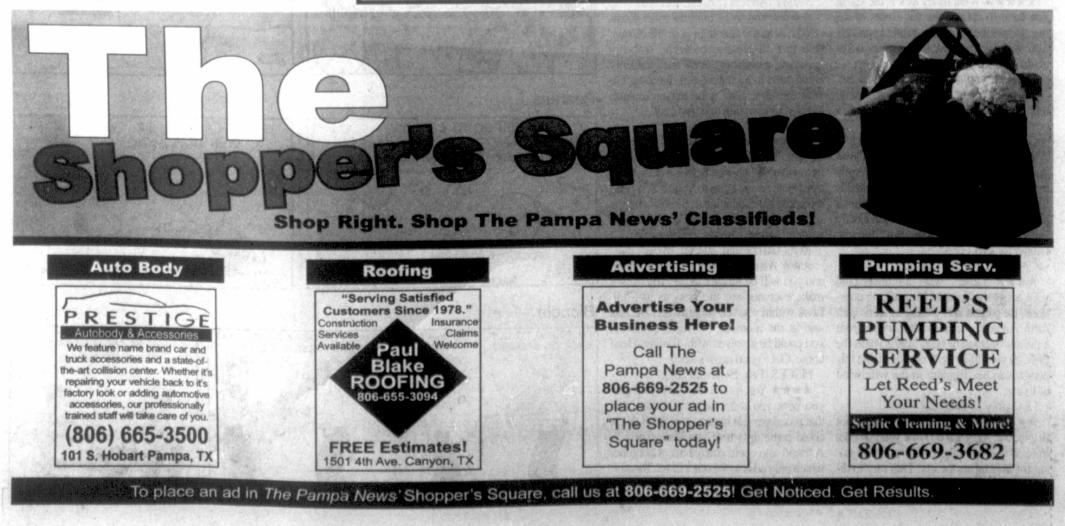
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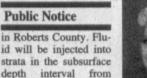
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DEAR ABBY: I'm divorced

with a young son. My ex-husband and I share joint custody, and for the most part it has worked well. My problem is that my ex is very bitter about our divorce and the fact I have moved on with my life. He constantly makes derogatory comments to me in front of our son and others.

It is bad enough that my son must witness this, but my ex has taken it a step further. He is the editor of a small newspaper and is now making disparaging comments about me in his column. He is trying to improve his image at my expense; however, I am unable to respond because he won't print a rebuttal in his paper.

The abuse continues despite the divorce, but now the audience is wider. Is this ethical journalism, and how can I put a stop to

it? -- FRUSTRATED EX **DEAR FRUSTRATED EX:** Using a newspaper column to continue a personal vendetta over a failed marriage is not ethical journalism, although it may make for titillating readhis public sniping. Take the offensive clippings to your lawyer and ask him or her to write a have said in the past that a



# Dear Abby...

### By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

THAT'S who will be liable if there are grounds for a lawsuit.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I attended a wedding in September of last year. We purchased expensive crystal for the bride and groom, which cost us nearly \$600. This was separate from the bridal shower gift we gave them in May. We have not received thank-you notes for either of these gifts.

My husband told me that you have said it's appropriate to send thank-you notes up to one year after the wedding. My mother taught me to send them as quickly as possible.

My sister had her wedding thank-you notes out in three weeks, and I had mine out in two weeks. My sister and I both worked and were setting up new households with our husbands, but we felt it was a priority. We wanted to ensure that our family and friends knew how much their thoughtfulness was appreciated.

Can you please clarify thankyou note etiquette? I am tired of wondering if my gifts were reing. You do not have to tolerate ceived and appreciated. -- DIS-**GUSTED IN DELAWARE** 

DEAR DISGUSTED: I

good manners dictate that thank-you notes should follow within three months at the latest, and preferably within one month -- regardless of whether the giver has been thanked verbally.

DEAR ABBY: I work in the medical field and have recently learned about a campaign that was launched in England. It urges people to store the word "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) in their cellphone address book, along with the phone number of the person you would want contacted.

It's such a simple idea, but it could be extremely helpful in an emergency situation. It would save ambulance crews and hospital staff precious time and ensure that a patient's loved ones are contacted as quickly as possible.

If you agree the idea is worthwhile, please mention it in your column and help to get this initiated in the United States. -- TAN-YAF., MIAMI

**DEAR TANYA: The idea** is certainly worth considering; however, I would offer a minor adjustment. I would recommend that it be indexed under "Emergency Contact" rather strong letter to the publisher thank-you note anytime is bet- than an obscure heading such

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# Sports

# Killgo represents Harvesters at GWTBCA All-Star Game

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LUBBOCK — On an afternoon that reached 100 degrees at Lubbock Cooper's Pirate Field, Pampa High School graduate Collin Killgo wore the Harvesters' green and gold one more time as a member of the 3A and 4A East Team in the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game.

"It was fun playing with all these players out here," Killgo said after playing his last high school game. "I got to play with some of the people I played against. It was fun playing with them."

Killgo's team lost 22-5. The Harvesters' first baseman got to play with some of his district foes, as Borger's Chayse Tracy and Max Lusk and Perryton's Tony Loustaunan and Blake Turner were also on the East. Also on the team were Lubbock Estacado's Austin Builtron, Victor Gomez, David Cruz and Stephen Garcia, all of whom Killgo faced in his last three games with the Harvesters. Killgo's highlights came on the defensive end. In the first two innings, Killgo played his usual first base position and made a diving catch to end the second inning. In the bottom of the fifth playing third base, Killgo threw out a base runner at first attempting to tag up on a fly ball. "It's a faster speed," Killgo said.

"Makes it fun and more active."

Killgo had two at-bats. In the top of the second, Killgo faced Lubbock Cooper's Nolan Savage and took his first pitch to second base for a ground out. Killgo's final at-bat came against Levelland's Justin Waddell. The Harvesters' first baseman looked at the first pitch for a ball then hit the second pitch to center field.

"There was some decent pitchers," Killgo said. "They threw harder than most pitchers would. I put the ball in play and did what I could with it."

The Pampa graduate got his final action in the bottom of the seventh at first. Killgo will further his education at Southwestern Oklahoma State.



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**Collin Killgo** makes an out at first in the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game. Killgo made several defensive plays.

Glo-Valve Service used a big fifth inning to outlast Rotary Club 7-5 Thursday in a Pampa Optimist 11-12 Ripken League contest. Brayden Fry, who pitched a complete game, was the winning pitcher. He allowed three earned runs on four hits He struck out 10, walked three and hit a batter. Bradey Porter, Dylan Childress and Brenden Grant pitched for Rotary. Jace Ware gave Glo-Valve the lead in the top of the first when he reached base on an error, stole second, took third on a fielder's choice and scored on an error. Rotary evened the score in the bottom of the first on a booming homerun by Porter. Rotary made it 2-1 in the bottom of the second when Santos Ramon led off with a double, went to third on a passed ball and scored on a ground out by Preston Sons. Rotary scored again in the bottom of the third inning when Porter was safe on an error, stole two bases and trotted home on a single by Jared Thomas to give Rotary a 3-1 lead.

In the top of the fifth, Glo-Valve took advantage of consecutive walks to Chris Gowin, Tyler McCarn, Ware and Thomas Costley to force in Gowin. Logan Martindale was hit by a pitch to bring in McCarn with the tying run. Chase Voss followed with a walk scoring Ware to give Glo-Vale the lead. Costley fled home on a wild pitch and Martindale scored when the attempt to get Costley was wide. Jakob Wilson drove in Voss with the sixth run of the inning with a single to right field. Glo-Valve led 7-3. Rotary came back in the bottom of the fifth on walks to Porter and Childress, a wild pitch, two stolen bases and a RBI double by Grant to narrow the margin to 7-5 in Glo-Valve's favor. A force out, a strikeout and a pop fly to Fry in Rotary's half of the sixth ended the game. Fry made the outstanding defensive play of the game for Glo-Valve by picking off a runner at second. Kade Parker took the throw, got the runner in a hot box and threw him out to Costley at third. Brodey Larkin made the best defensive play for Rotary by catching a sharp line drive at third. Glo-Valve improved to 5-2 on the season and will face Texas Rose Steakhouse at 7:45 p.m. today. The 5:45 p.m. features CabotCorporation and Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency. The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

# Revived Thunder eye road win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In the span of three days, the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the San Antonio Spurs as many times as they had in the last three years.

And now the Western Conference finals are suddenly up for grabs.

What once seemed like the continuation of one of the most dominant runs in NBA history has turned into a genuine toss-up of a series after the Thunder stopped San Antonio's perfect stretch with two convincing victories in half a week.

Game 5 is Monday night in San Antonio. Oklahoma City needs at least one road win to advance, and Thunder coach Scott Brooks said Sunday there's no time like the present.

"We have a great opportunity in Game 5," Brooks said.

Seldom have the Thunder been able to say that when they faced the Spurs.

Since James Harden joined Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook in 2009, the Thunder had been 2-8 against San Antonio heading into this series. Now they return to Texas with a chance to hand the Spurs three straight losses for the first time all season.

"We've just got to go down there with the mindset that we're going to play hard every possession, play together like we've been playing these last few games, and we'll see what happens," said Durant, who is averaging 29 points this series after scoring 36 in Game 4 on Saturday. "We've just got to keep believing, man. We'll be fine."

It's not the first time a streaking Spurs team has gone from being toasted to the brink of trouble. In 2004, the Spurs went up 2-0 on the Lakers in the West semis and extended a winning streak to 17 games before dropping the next four.



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